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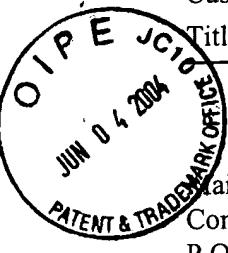
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Applicants contend that the above-noted item was in fact included with the non-provisional application papers deposited with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of a drawing paper including Fig. 3A, as submitted, along with a copy of page 6 of the specification, as submitted, is included with this petition. Applicants note that the copy of the drawing paper does not include the notation "Figure 3A," however, the drawing, including reference numerals 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, and 312, are clearly referenced as "Fig. 3A" on page 6 at line 10 of the specification, as submitted. Hence, Fig. 3A was not omitted from the above-identified patent application, as filed. Only the notation identifying Figure 3A on one of the drawings was omitted. Such omissions are correctable by amendment during prosecution.

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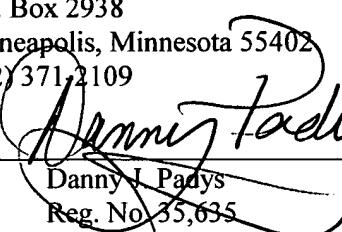
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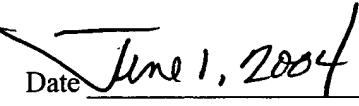
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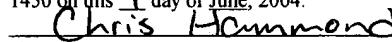
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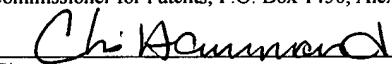

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5 In some embodiments, blending the graphical user interface window with one or more background windows, includes blending the graphical user interface window with one or more web page windows. For example, blending the graphical user interface window with one or more web page windows can include blending the graphical user interface window with one or more web page windows displaying a newspaper column.

10 In some embodiments blending the graphical user object with the background includes adding the graphical user object to the background. For example, blending the graphical user object with the background can include adding the graphical user object to a bump textured background.

15 Fig. 3A is an illustration of a series 300 of graphical user interface objects 302, 304, and 306, including shifted objects 308, 310, 312, and 314, shown with dashed lines, in accordance with some embodiments of the present invention. The series 300 of graphical user interface objects 302, 304, and 306 are shown at points in a path from a coordinate (0,0) to a coordinate (2,0) traveled over a time t . The shifted objects 308, 310, 312, and 314 illustrate shifted instances of the graphical user interface objects 302, 304 and 306.

20 Fig. 3B is an illustration of shifted and blended objects 316, 318, and 320 formed from the graphical user interface objects 302, 304, and 306, shown in Fig. 3A, and the shifted objects 308, 310, 312, and 314, shown in Fig. 3A. The shifted and blended objects 316, 318, and 320, sometimes referred to as blurred copies, of the graphical user interface objects 302, 304, and 306, shown in Fig. 3A, are formed by shifting each of the user interface objects 302, 304, and 306 to form the shifted objects 308, 310, 312, and 314, shown in Fig. 3A, and blending the shifted objects 308, 310, 312, and 314 with the graphical user interface objects 302, 304, and 306. For example, the shifted object 308 is blended with the graphical user interface object 302 to generate the shifted and blended object 316. The shifted objects 310 and 312 are blended with the graphical user interface object 304 to generate the shifted and blended object 318. The oblong shape of the shifted and blended object 318 is obtained by shifting and blending at both the leading and trailing edge of the graphical interface object 304. The shifted object 314 is blended with the graphical user interface object 306 to generate the shifted and blended object 320. Each of the shifted and blended objects 316, 318, and 320 has a substantially